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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 29, 2012

TO: All DOC staff and inmates

FROM: Cathy Jess, DAI Administrator

SUBJECT: Legal Loans

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT effective January 1, 2013, DAI Policy 309.51.01 will be modified.

Inmates who have not fully repaid a prior year's loan will have somewhat increased eligibility for legal loans in order to ensure that inmates have constitutionally-adequate access to the courts.

Additionally, under the new policy, legal loan extensions may be granted for filing the first postconviction motion under Wisconsin Statutes s. 974.06 in any given case, motions for sentence credit, and for the filing of the first federal habeas petition pertaining to a given state court conviction.

Under the new policy, no legal loan extensions will be given for the purpose of mailing a "Notice of Claim" to the Attorney General.

NOTE: It is important that you prioritize the use of your legal loans to ensure that you have adequate funds available to pursue your litigation.